

To whom it may concern,

Distressing news is being circulated that a new LPFM broadcasting service may soon be expanded in such a way that LPFM stations would take priority over FM translator service. This is particularly upsetting for me and my fellow FM listeners because this could mean the loss of local FM services, and we would no longer be able to listen to our favorite FM stations. I would like to address in particular the effect that the expansion of LPFM service could have on the listeners of Air 1 Positive Alternative radio stations nationwide.

Air 1 serves me as a member of the local community, and many other young adults just like me across the nation, by providing a wide variety of positive alternative Christian music 24 hours a day, commercial-free, through more than 60 stations nationwide. This kind of service is something my fellow listeners and I cannot find anywhere else.

This service that Air 1 provides is so important because it makes such an impact in the listeners' lives. Air 1 encourages listeners and reaches out to them by providing an alternative to the dark, depressing, and even violent music often played on many of the other radio stations geared toward young adults today. The music played on Air 1 stations promotes more positive values and offers hope instead of despair for this generation.

I think this message of hope is desperately needed in this time when so many teens and young adults are hurting and desperate for someone to love them in this country. This was really brought home to me when I went to the funeral of one of my childhood friends who committed suicide earlier this year. She was only 19 years old. I was deeply grieved that she, like so many young people today, was in so much pain and despair that she felt life was not worth living anymore, and I wished so much that there was something I could have done to help her. As you can see, hope is definitely a message that many people need to hear. I believe that Air 1 is such a great station because they care enough about their listeners to play music that gives them hope.

In conclusion, I would like to implore you not to allow the expansion of the LPFM broadcast service that could take away the FM service of great radio stations like Air 1 from listeners. This would rob us of a rare but much-needed provider of enjoyable music with a positive message that gives hope and encouragement to so many.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pillow